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450100-4406.1**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ryuji ISHIGURO et al.  
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For : ENCIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD, DECIPHERING  
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Sir:


On February 22, 2007 Applicants filed a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 for Withdrawal of  
Notice of Abandonment of the above-referenced application (copy enclosed).

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Applicants hereby respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt of the Petition filed  
February 22, 2007 and request the status of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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